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Sir:

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the documents is described in the present specification. An English translation of Document A1 is not readily available; the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP § 609). An English language abstract is attached to Document A1.

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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